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Draft report of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development on its resumed third session

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I. Introduction

Opening and duration of the session

1. The resumed third session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development was held in New York from 15-19 October 2001, in accordance with paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 55/245 of 21 March 2001. The Committee held __ meetings (1st to __), as well as a number of informal meetings.

II. Organizational matters

A. Agenda and organization of work

2. The agenda for the resumed third session of the Committee was as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
2. Review of the inputs to the substantive preparatory process and the International Conference on Financing for Development.
3. Preparation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development.
4. Draft provisional agenda for the fourth session of the Committee.

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5. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its third session.

3. At its 1st meeting, on 15 October, the Committee adopted the organization of work for the session (A/AC.257/L.7).

4. At the 2nd meeting, on 15 October, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs addressed the Committee.

5. At the 3rd meeting, on 16 October, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights addressed the Committee.

6. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the Assistant Secretary-General, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women.

7. At the 5th meeting, on 17 October, the President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, also on behalf of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Food Programme, addressed the Committee.

8. At the 6th meeting on 18 October, the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development addressed the Committee.

9. At the 7th meeting, on 18 October, the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund addressed the Committee.

B. Attendance

10. Representatives of the following States attended the session: Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malta, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Myanmar, Mozambique, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

11. The following United Nations offices and bodies were represented: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, United Nations Development Programme and World Food Programme.

12. The following specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system were represented: International Labour Organization, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, World Health Organization,

International Fund for Agricultural Development, United Nations Industrial Organization, World Bank, International Monetary Fund and World Trade Organization.

13. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented: International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Asian Development Bank, Caribbean Community, Common Fund for Commodities, Commonwealth Secretariat, European Community, International Organization of la Francophonie, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development and Organization of the Islamic Conference.

14. The following non-governmental organizations in general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council were represented: International Chamber of Commerce.

15. The following non-governmental organizations accredited to the preparatory process and the International Conference were represented: [to be completed]

C. Accreditation of intergovernmental organizations

16. At its 1st meeting, the Committee decided to accredit to the substantive preparatory process and the International Conference on Financing for Development the following two intergovernmental organizations, as recommended by its Bureau (A/AC.257/29, para. 16): Asian Development Bank and Common Fund for Commodities.

D. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations

17. At its 1st meeting, the Committee decided to accredit to the substantive preparatory process and the International Conference on Financing for Development the additional non-governmental organizations recommended by its Bureau in document A/AC.257/10/Add.4.

E. Accreditation of business entities/organizations

18. At its 1st meeting, the Committee decided to accredit to the substantive preparatory process and the International Conference on Financing for Development the eight business entities/organizations recommended by its Bureau in document A/AC.257/30.

F. Format of the Conference and draft rules of procedure

19. At the 1st meeting, the Vice President of the Preparatory Committee, Jana Simonova (Czech Republic), introduced the proposal of the Bureau of the Committee on the format of the International Conference on Financing for Development and the draft rules of procedure, as contained in the fourth report of the Bureau (A/AC.257/29, paras. 10-21, and Add.1).

20. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the States members of the Group of 77 and

China), the Republic of Korea, Belgium (on behalf of the States members of the European Union), Mexico, the Syrian Arab Republic and Haiti.

G. Election of Officers

21. At its 1st meeting, the Preparatory Committee elected Shamshad Ahmad (Pakistan) who had been serving as Vice-Chairman of the Committee, as Co-Chairman of the Committee.

22. At the same meeting, the Committee elected Chuchai Kasemsarn (Thailand), Srjgan Kerim (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) and Marco Balazero (Peru) to serve as Vice-Chairmen of the Committee.

H. Documentation

[The list of documents before the Committee at its resumed third session will be contained in the annex to the final report.]

III. Review of the inputs to the substantive preparatory process and the International Conference on Financing for Development

23. The Committee considered agenda item 2 at its 1st and 2nd meetings. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Letter dated 25 June 2001 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly transmitting the report of the High-level Panel on Financing for Development (A/55/1000), and a related note by the Secretariat (A/AC.257/28);

(b) Technical notes: note by the Secretary-General (A/AC.257/27 and Adds.1-4 and Add.10).

24. At the 1st meeting, introductory statements were made by the Executive Coordinator of the Financing for Development Coordinating Secretariat and by the Director of the Public Affairs Division, Department of Public Information.

25. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Saint Lucia, the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the States members of the Group of 77 and China) and Nepal.

26. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by representatives of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

27. Also at the same meeting, a statement was made by the representative of the Carter Center, a non-governmental organization.

IV. Preparation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development

28. The Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 3 at its 2nd and 3rd meetings. At the 2nd meeting, the Facilitator, Mauricio Escanero (Mexico), introduced the draft outcome paper contained in document A/AC.257/25.

29. At the 2nd meeting, the Co-Chairman, Mr. Shamshad Ahmad (Pakistan), made a statement.

30. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the States members of the Group of 77 and China), Belgium (on behalf of the States members of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European States associated with the European Union (Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovenia), other associated States (Cyprus, Malta and Turkey) and Iceland (in its capacity as a member of the European Free Trade Association and of the European Economic Area), Chile (on behalf of the States members of the Rio Group), Nauru (on behalf of the small island developing States represented at the United Nations that are members of the Pacific Islands Forum), Japan, the Russian Federation, Norway, the Republic of Korea and Switzerland.

31. At the 3rd meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, Samoa (on behalf of the members of the Alliance of Small Island States), Australia, Canada, the Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of the members of the Group of Land-locked Developing Countries), Zambia, Bangladesh (on behalf of the least developed countries), the Dominican Republic, Algeria, Belarus, Peru, Cuba, New Zealand, Nepal, Brazil and Burundi.

32. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme.

33. Also at the same meeting, a statement was made by the representative of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.

34. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the States members of the Group of 77 and China).

35. At the 4th meeting, on 16 October, a statement was made by the representative of the World Association of Cities and Local Authorities, a non-governmental organization.

V. Draft provisional agenda for the fourth session of the Committee

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VI. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its third session

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